

1. Better/Worse Off Now

Thinking about your personal financial situation, would you say that you are:

	Total	Gender		Demographics - Age (4 category)				Demographics - Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Better off than you were this time last year	18%	18%	18%	29%	15%	17%	11%	13%	37%	21%	23%
About the same as you were this time last year	50%	51%	48%	48%	55%	47%	50%	53%	35%	51%	44%
Worse off than you were this time last year	30%	30%	30%	17%	28%	35%	37%	32%	21%	26%	29%
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	7%	2%	1%	2%	2%	6%	2%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (480)	100% (519)	100% (188)	100% (259)	100% (381)	100% (171)	100% (671)	100% (118)	100% (132)	100% (78)

	Total	Party ID - 3 Point			Demographics - Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Better off than you were this time last year	18%	24%	17%	12%	16%	21%	24%	18%	15%	15%	23%	15%
About the same as you were this time last year	50%	55%	48%	45%	52%	43%	53%	49%	59%	51%	46%	46%
Worse off than you were this time last year	30%	18%	33%	40%	30%	34%	22%	26%	25%	31%	28%	35%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%	1%	4%	3%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (380)	100% (389)	100% (230)	100% (468)	100% (252)	100% (124)	100% (155)	100% (205)	100% (222)	100% (361)	100% (211)

2. Why Better

Which of the following do you think are reasons your financial situation is better this year than it was last year? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who said they are better off than they were this time last year

	Total	Gender		Demographics - Age (4 category)				Demographics - Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The economy is improving	30%	30%	30%	24%	41%	32%	23%	32%	32%	24%	25%
I was lucky	18%	19%	18%	22%	19%	11%	23%	19%	10%	18%	32%
I got help from friends or family	15%	17%	14%	27%	9%	9%	8%	19%	7%	21%	9%
I worked hard	42%	53%	32%	56%	50%	28%	25%	43%	39%	38%	50%
Other	22%	24%	20%	9%	18%	38%	27%	24%	33%	16%	2%
Not sure	3%	—	5%	5%	—	2%	—	2%	—	11%	—
Totals	(196)	(89)	(107)	(59)	(57)	(62)	(18)	(110)	(41)	(29)	(16)

	Total	Party ID - 3 Point			Demographics - Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The economy is improving	30%	41%	19%	28%	27%	38%	45%	13%	17%	40%	30%	33%
I was lucky	18%	25%	11%	17%	27%	7%	13%	18%	31%	11%	13%	28%
I got help from friends or family	15%	12%	14%	29%	23%	13%	6%	7%	13%	14%	15%	17%
I worked hard	42%	33%	55%	33%	31%	43%	46%	68%	40%	54%	38%	45%
Other	22%	27%	15%	29%	29%	21%	21%	7%	25%	9%	28%	18%
Not sure	3%	—	6%	—	—	7%	—	5%	—	—	5%	—
Totals	(196)	(100)	(65)	(31)	(83)	(52)	(34)	(27)	(39)	(36)	(81)	(40)

3. Better/Worse Off Future

Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you expect that next year will be:

	Gender			Demographics - Age (4 category)				Demographics - Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Better than this year	29%	27%	31%	42%	38%	24%	13%	20%	48%	47%	42%
About the same as this year	46%	50%	43%	34%	44%	51%	54%	53%	32%	32%	39%
Worse than this year	16%	15%	17%	5%	15%	18%	28%	20%	5%	12%	6%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	19%	3%	7%	6%	6%	15%	8%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (479)	100% (520)	100% (188)	100% (259)	100% (381)	100% (171)	100% (671)	100% (118)	100% (132)	100% (78)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Demographics - Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Better than this year	29%	36%	28%	24%	28%	35%	24%	31%	24%	29%	32%	31%
About the same as this year	46%	45%	48%	43%	49%	42%	59%	35%	58%	46%	42%	43%
Worse than this year	16%	9%	16%	27%	15%	21%	14%	16%	13%	12%	19%	18%
Not sure	8%	10%	8%	6%	9%	3%	3%	18%	5%	13%	7%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (380)	100% (389)	100% (230)	100% (468)	100% (252)	100% (124)	100% (155)	100% (205)	100% (221)	100% (362)	100% (211)

4. Current Situation

Which best describes your current financial situation?

	Gender		Demographics - Age (4 category)				Demographics - Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I'm making enough money to live comfortably	27%	25%	29%	21%	28%	26%	36%	31%	18%	18%	24%
I'm not making enough money to live comfortably, but I can get by	46%	50%	43%	46%	49%	46%	42%	46%	42%	51%	46%
I'm not making enough money to get by	20%	19%	21%	15%	22%	24%	16%	18%	26%	25%	18%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	18%	2%	3%	7%	5%	14%	6%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (476)	100% (519)	100% (188)	100% (257)	100% (380)	100% (170)	100% (669)	100% (118)	100% (131)	100% (77)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Demographics - Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I'm making enough money to live comfortably	27%	26%	24%	35%	15%	40%	59%	27%	24%	25%	30%	28%
I'm not making enough money to live comfortably, but I can get by	46%	48%	45%	46%	50%	46%	30%	44%	47%	50%	46%	42%
I'm not making enough money to get by	20%	17%	24%	16%	29%	11%	9%	14%	25%	16%	17%	26%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	3%	7%	3%	1%	15%	5%	10%	7%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (377)	100% (388)	100% (230)	100% (467)	100% (252)	100% (121)	100% (155)	100% (205)	100% (221)	100% (360)	100% (209)

5. Worry

How often, at all, do you find yourself worrying about your financial situation?

	Gender			Demographics - Age (4 category)				Demographics - Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
All the time	33%	30%	36%	33%	37%	37%	24%	33%	32%	41%	31%
Sometimes	47%	49%	45%	47%	46%	45%	52%	48%	44%	45%	45%
Rarely	16%	16%	15%	15%	16%	14%	20%	15%	16%	13%	24%
Never	4%	4%	3%	5%	1%	4%	4%	4%	9%	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (479)	100% (517)	100% (186)	100% (258)	100% (381)	100% (171)	100% (671)	100% (115)	100% (132)	100% (78)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Demographics - Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
All the time	33%	31%	37%	31%	41%	31%	22%	23%	38%	31%	31%	36%
Sometimes	47%	52%	41%	52%	44%	47%	46%	56%	46%	49%	46%	48%
Rarely	16%	14%	18%	13%	12%	18%	26%	16%	13%	18%	17%	15%
Never	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%	6%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (378)	100% (388)	100% (230)	100% (465)	100% (252)	100% (124)	100% (155)	100% (204)	100% (221)	100% (360)	100% (211)

Interviewing Dates	December 11 - 14, 2015
Target population	U.S. adults, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.098 to 4.145, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.892.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.